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Ferry Tavern and Goal  
Greenwich, Cumberland County, New Jersey

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Owner: Robert S. Watson, 109 Broad Street, Bridgeton

Date of Erection: West end of house 1686;  
rebuilt 1760

Architect:

Builder: Mark Reeve

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two and one-half;  
frame wing two stories

Materials of Construction:

Tavern:

Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - brick, Flemish bond;  
wing frame

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch, dormers on old section

Goal:

Two and one-half stories

Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - first floor stone,  
rest frame construction

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

This structure is known as the Sheppard House.  
The west end was built by Mark Reeve in 1686. It was

sold to Joseph Brown in 1689. Brown died in 1711. The next known owner was Thomas Chalkley who bought the property from Joseph Brown, Jr. John Sheppard bought the property and rebuilt it in 1760; here he kept a store. There was a nine hundred and ninety-nine year lease held by Sheppard to operate a ferry from Greenwich to Fairfield. This was in effect until 1839 when John Sheppard and son paid three hundred dollars to be released. A tavern was kept here at an early date by one John Butter. It appears that Butter was an occupant of the tavern in 1783. From its purchase in 1760 by John Sheppard until the close of the nineteenth century, it was held by the Sheppard family.

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